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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UN Summit held in September declared globalisation as the biggest challenge to humanity;

(b) if so. the details thereof; and

(c) the strategy adopted by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) & (b) The UN Millennium Declaration, adopted at the conclusion of the Millennium Summit of the Heads of State and Government, held in New York, from September 6 to 8, recognised that the central challenge is to ensure that globalisation becomes a positive force for all the world`s people. The Declaration states that while globalisation offers great opportunities, its benefits, as at present, are very unevenly shared,and its costs unevenly distributed. It also recognises that developing countries and countries with economies in transition face special difficulties in responding to the central challenge of globalisation. Only through broad and sustained efforts to create a shared future, for all humanity in all its diversity, can globalisation be made fully inclusive and equitable.

These efforts must include policies and measures at the global level, which correspond to the needs of developing countries and economies in transition, and are formulated and implemented with their effective participation.

(c) India will work in close cooperation with other developing countries in dealing with the challenge of globalisation and its impact on the developing countries.